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SUBJECT: POLICE REMOVE DEMONSTRATORS FROM BINATIONAL CENTER

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1. WORKERS FROM THE GEOPHYSICAL SERVICE INTERNATIONAL AFFLICTED WITH THE DISEASE UTA (INAPPROPRIATELY TERMED WHITE LEPROSY) WERE REMOVED BY POLICE FROM BNC EARLY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 20. SIT-IN ENDED PEACEFULLY AND WORKERS WERE TRANSPORTED BY BUS TO TOWN SOUTH OF LIMA WHERE COMPANIONS HAVE BEEN ENCAMPED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. WORKER REPRESENTATIVES REMAINED IN LIMA TO PRESS CASE BEFORE LABOR MINISTRY FOR ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION.

2. GROUP WHICH EARLIER HAD OCCUPIED A CHURCH IN CUZCO TOOK OVER THE BNC SEPTEMBER 19 TO DRAMATIZE THEIR PLIGHT. WORKER REPRESENTATIVES DENIED THAT HOSTAGES HAD BEEN HELD DURING FIRST HOURS OF OCCUPATION (SEE REFTEL) "AS SOME INTERNATIONAL PRESS AGENCIES REPORTED". ACCORDING TO GROUP SPOKESMAN, OCCUPATION WAS CARRIED OUT SO THAT "THEY WOULD LISTEN TO US AND SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS".

3. GOP DECREE PUBLISHED SEPTEMBER 19 (PROVISIONS HAD BEEN AGREED TO BY GSI) ORDERED COMPANY TO PAY 30 PERCENT OF WORKERS' SALARIES FOR ONE YEAR FOLLOWING THEIR TERMINATION FOR ILLNESS (THE SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTE HAS NOW DETERMINED THAT UTA IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE; CONSEQUENTLY SOCIAL SECURITY PAYS OTHER 70 PERCENT OF WAGES LOST DUE TO ILLNESS).

DEMONSTRATORS WERE AWARE OF DECREE AT TIME OF BNC OCCUPATION BUT REJECTED ITS TERMS, DEMANDING INSTEAD INDEMNITY OF 500,000 SOLES (APPROXIMATELY \$11,526) PER WORKER. GROUP HAS NOW CALLED FOR HUNGER STRIKE AT CAMP AREA UNTIL DEMANDS ARE MET.

4. COMMENT: WORKERS HAVE BEEN COUNSELED BY SECRETARY GENERAL OF COMMUNIST CTGP TRADE UNION AND POLITICAL ELEMENT IN THEIR ACTION HAS BEEN AS DETERMINATIVE AS HEALTH OR LABOR CONSIDERATIONS (SOME WORKERS AT BNC ARE ALSO AFFILIATED TO CTGP BUT EMBASSY HAS NO EVIDENCE OF THEIR COMPLICITY IN OCCUPATION). ACTION AT BNC NO DOUBT INTENDED TO ACCENTUATE U.S. IDENTITY OF COMPANY AND MAKE CASE THAT MULTINATIONALS EXPLOIT WORKERS.

5. LABOR MINISTRY HAS BEEN CIRCUMSPECT IN ITS DELIBERATIONS, ATTEMPTING TO MEET LEGITIMATE WORKER NEEDS AND PREVENT POLITICAL EXPLOITATION OF ISSUE, AT THE SAME TIME AVOIDING COSTLY SETTLEMENT WHICH COULD BECOME PRECEDENT IN KEY MINE SECTOR WHERE OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PREVALENT. PRESS COVERAGE OF SIT-IN WAS MINIMAL AND RESTRAINED. LIMA DAILIES SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 ALUDED GOP RESEARCH INTO UTA PROBLEM AND THE DISCOVERY OF APPARENT CURE. PAPERS ALSO STRESSED GOP DECREE IN FAVOR OF AFFECTED WORKERS.  
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